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In re application of: Olivier MATILE

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For:

LASER CUTTING METHOD AND APPARATUS WITH A
BIFOCAL OPTICAL MEANS AND A HYDROGEN-BASED
ASSIST GAS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 20, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

A' Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure attached on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. [Amended] Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the workpiece to be cut is made of stainless steel, coated

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